

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC Urbana Methodist Church and Cemetery

AND/OR COMMON

Wesley Chapel

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER North side of Route 355

Sixth E.D.

CITY, TOWN Urbana

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
Frederick

STATE Maryland

COUNTY Map 96 P 119, 120

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT
☒ BUILDING(S)
☐ STRUCTURE
☐ SITE
☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC
☒ PRIVATE
☐ BOTH
PUBLIC ACQUISITION
☐ IN PROCESS
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED
☐ UNOCCUPIED
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS
ACCESSIBLE
☒ YES: RESTRICTED
☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED
☐ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE ☐ MUSEUM
☐ COMMERCIAL ☐ PARK
☐ EDUCATIONAL ☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE
☐ ENTERTAINMENT ☒ RELIGIOUS
☐ GOVERNMENT ☐ SCIENTIFIC
☐ INDUSTRIAL ☐ TRANSPORTATION
☐ MILITARY ☐ OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Urbana Methodist Church

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

Route 2

CITY, TOWN Frederick

VICINITY OF

STATE zip code
Maryland 21701**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Frederick County Court House

Liber #: ES4/311
 Folio #: DHH15/119

STREET & NUMBER

Court Street

CITY, TOWN

Frederick

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION**CONDITION**☐ EXCELLENT☐ GOOD☒ FAIR☐ DETERIORATED☐ RUINS☐ UNEXPOSED**CHECK ONE**☐ UNALTERED☒ ALTERED**CHECK ONE**☒ ORIGINAL SITE☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church is a one-and-a-half story gable roof rectangular common bond brick building located on the north side of Route 355.

It is an operating Church that has a cinder block addition faced with brick to the east side. There is also a cemetery located to the north side.

The principal facade is three bays wide with the main entrance door occupying the second bay. This four panel double door has a segmental arch over the stained glass transom which states "Urbana Methodist Church" and a two step gabled entrance porch with an iron railing extends from the door. The two gothic stained glass windows with transoms located in the first and third bays have decorative moldings and radiating voussoir arches. A round stained glass window is located in the center front gable below which is a plaque that reads "Urbana Wesley Chapel 1853 - Rebuilt 1895." The asphalt roof is finished off by a plain boxed friezed cornice. The foundation is built of random rubble stone.

The north side, also three bays wide, has a cinder block addition. There is another stained glass gothic window in the third bay.

The west side is four bays wide. The windows in these bays are identical to the gothic windows in the front with decorative moldings and radiating voussoir arches. The cellar entrance in the west side is located in the third bay. The east side is four bays wide. Three gothic windows identical to those on the west side occupy the first three bays. The reception hall addition extends from the fourth bay.

The entire main chancel of the church has recessed decorative brick work.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES c. 1853 BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Wesley Chapel of the Methodist Episcopal Church was the second house of worship erected in the Town of Urbana. It was built in 1853 at a cost of \$1,600 and was dedicated October 1, 1854.

The land on which it was to be constructed was purchased for \$50 by the first trustees of the church, John Montgomery, Zachariah T. Windsor, Evan Thompson, Charles Hendry, William B. Dorsey, Jacob Kessler, Daniel Baker, from Henry and Susan Nixdorff. In this deed several original policies of the church were stated which reflect the sentiment of the community during this period. These include the following "The Urbana Methodist Episcopal Church shall not include any member on account of being a slaveholder, the property will go to the Methodist Episcopal South if division occurs in Maryland. No abolitionist doctrine is to be lectured in the Church."¹ In 1895, the church was rebuilt through the efforts of Thomas A. Smith, a local merchant who paid for much of the expenditures. The church belonged to the Buckeystown Circuit of Methodist Episcopal Churches, until 1899 at which time it became part of the Urbana Circuit which included the Urbana, Ijamsville and Koontz Chapel churches.²

1 Frederick County Land Records, Liber ES 4, Folio 311.

2 The History of Wesley Chapel Methodist Church

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

History of Frederick County, Baltimore 1967, T.J.C. Williams, P 486.

Directory of Urbana Circuit, 1940-41.

The History of Wesley Chapel Methodist Church, Urbana, Md., Rev. William C. Harpold.
CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY .43 and .39 acres

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION**LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES**

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Cherilyn Widell

ORGANIZATION

Frederick County Historic Preservation

DATE

663-8300 Ext. 266

STREET & NUMBER

Winchester Hall

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Frederick

STATE

Maryland 21701

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

Urbana Survey District
Frederick County

Survey No. F-7-31

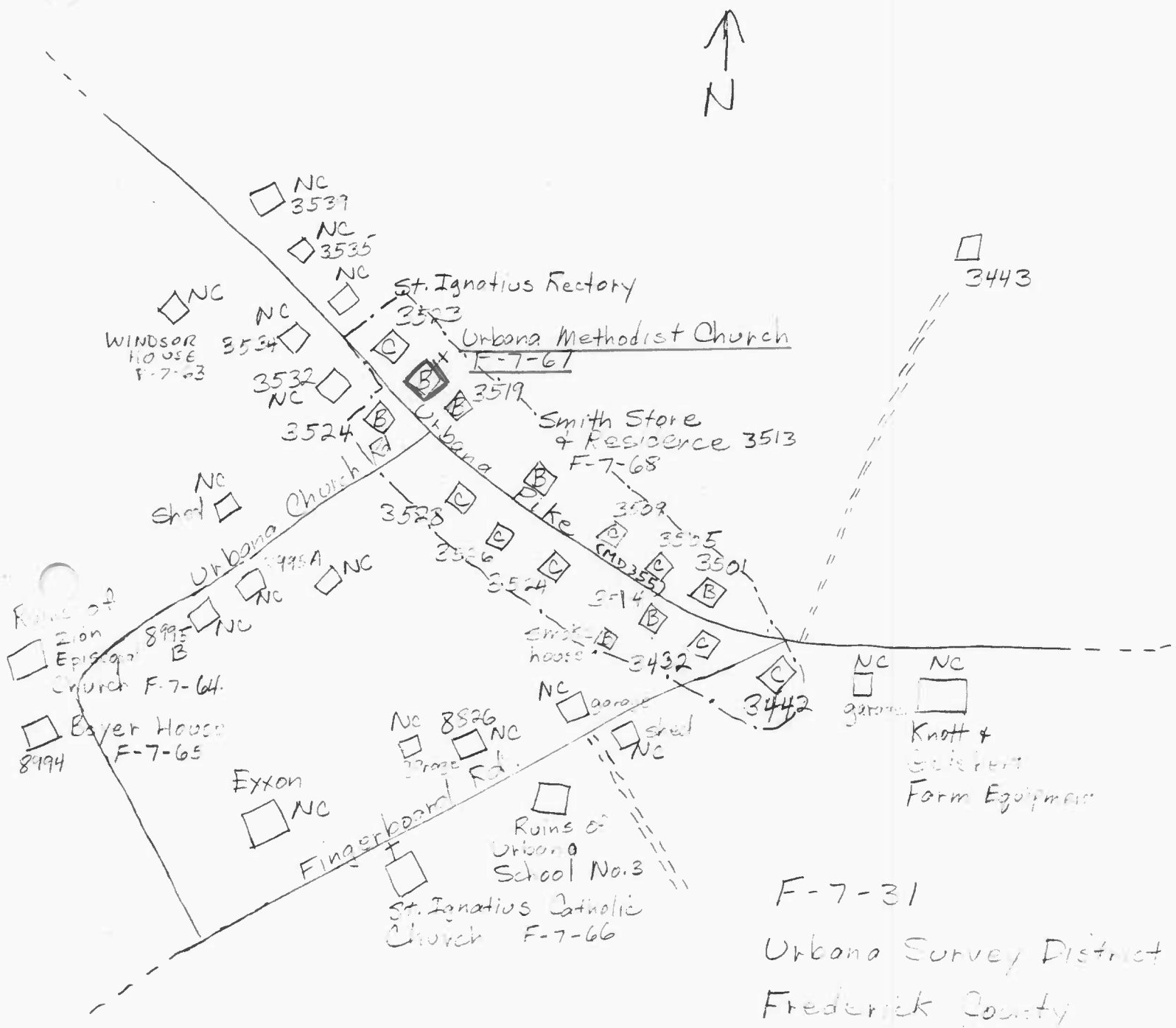
7.1 Description (Continued)

Wesley Chapel Methodist Episcopal Church (Urbana United Methodist Church), F-7-67: The third church building of the Methodist congregation of Urbana, the brick one-story church was built in 1895, replacing the second church built in 1853, which had replaced the original 1833 log building. It has a three-bay west elevation with a projecting foyer and flanking Gothic arched stained glass windows. The windows are late 1940's replacements of the original plain glass windows. Brick buttresses punctuate the wall surface on all elevations. An oculus window is in the western gable with an inset stone inscribed "Urbana Wesley Chapel 1853, Rebuilt 1895". The north and south elevations have four bays, those of the rear portion of the south elevation being obscured by a modern link built to connect the church with the parish hall on the south. On the east end of the church is a projection added in the 1950's flanked by arched windows. The roof of the main church is composition. The adjoining one-story parish hall is probably the considerably altered Bennett Creek Methodist Episcopal Church or House's Chapel, built in 1881 by George E. House near his farm on Thurston Road near Bennett Creek. In 1933, the chapel was dismantled and rebuilt on the present site to serve as the parish house. The brick veneer was probably added between the 1933 and 1950. (Owner: Urbana Methodist Church, Rt. 2, Frederick, MD 21701)

3524 Urbana Pike: The circa 1900 frame house has two stories, a central cross gable, and a three-bay northeast elevation. A one-story porch with a turned spindle frieze, turned columns, and scroll-sawn brackets extends across the main elevation. The exterior is covered with vinyl siding and the roof is standing seam metal. The cross gable is faced with patterned shingles and gable bargeboard decoration is on both the cross gable and the end gables. The windows are 1/1 with replacement paneled shutters. The center bay on the second story has paired windows. A two-story rear wing extends from the northwest corner of the house. (Owner: John A. and Karen Main, 3362 Urbana Pike, Frederick, MD 21701)

3519 Urbana Pike: The circa 1900 frame building was built as the Methodist Parsonage by a local contractor, Charles Dudderar, possibly on the site of an earlier structure which appears on the 1873 Titus Atlas map. The existing building has an off-center gable front with a one-story porch across the west elevation. A polygonal one-story bay window is located in the north bay and the entrance is in the center bay. The transom and sidelights have been covered. A pair of 1/1 windows occupies the south bay. The second story has narrow, 1/1 windows in the outer bays with replacement shutters. The gable face is covered with patterned shingles and has a single round-arched window. The chimneys are at the interior gable ends and a two-story rear wing extends to the east. (Owner: Urbana Methodist Church, Rt. 2, Frederick, MD 21701)

Smith Store and Residence (F-7-68), 3513 Urbana Pike: The recently rehabilitated brick structure has two sections, the northwestern being the two-bay facade of the two-story dwelling and the lower height 1-1/2 story southern section being the storeroom and former post office for Urbana. Built



F-7-31

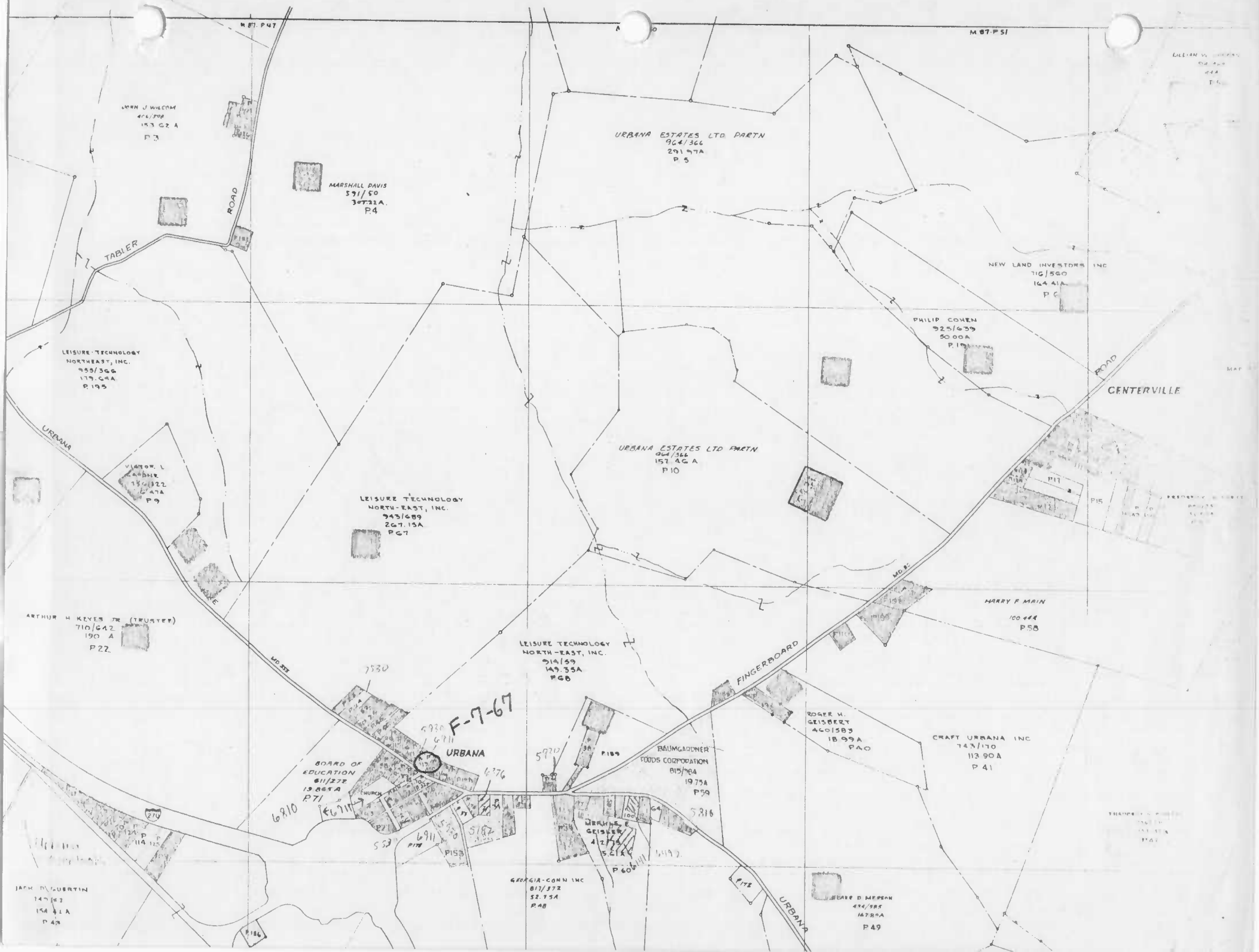
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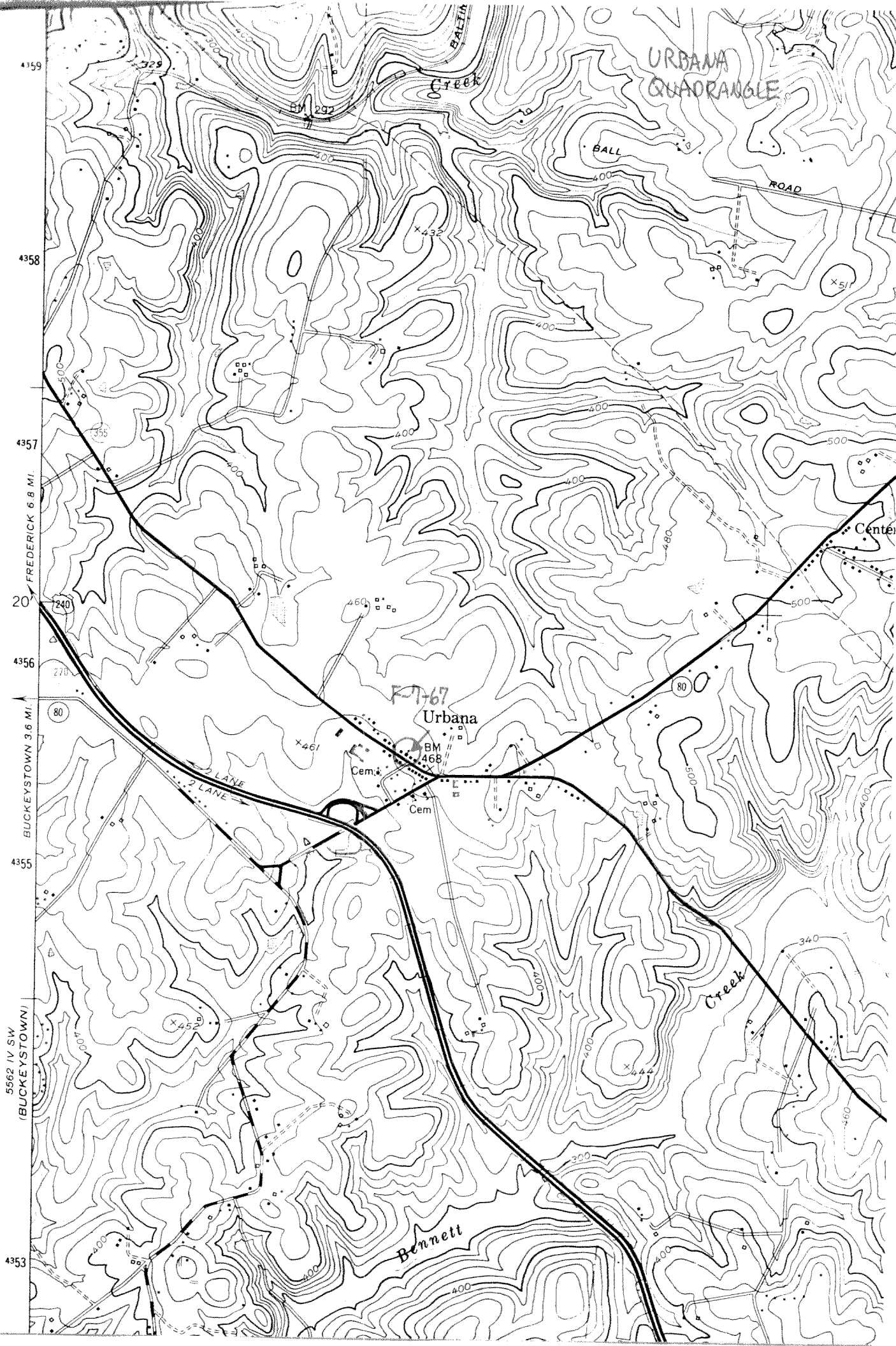
Janet Davis

Aug. 24, 1993

Not to Scale

--- Survey District
Boundary







Urbana Methodist Church (Wesley Chapel)

F-7-67

North side of Rte 355

Urbana

South side





Urban Methodist Church (Wesley Chapel)

North side Rte 355

ULANA

Northwest side

F-7-67

